

News Release

Chincoteague National Wildlife Refuge

P.O. Box 62

Chincoteague Island, VA 23336

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Let's Go Outside With Children in the Woods Day Camp at Chincoteague National Wildlife Refuge

Are your kids looking for a chance to get out of the house this summer? If so, they could spend a week discovering Chincoteague National Wildlife Refuge through Children in the Woods Day Camp. Camp is full of fun, educational, outdoor activities that explore the 6 priority uses of the National Wildlife Refuge System. Activities include crabbing, clamming, bird walks, surf fishing, bicycling, and kayaking. Day Camp is offered to children who have successfully completed 3rd, 4th, or 5th grades by summer 2010 (between 8 and 12 years old).

Applications for the Children in the Woods Day Camp are now available at the Herbert H. Bateman Educational and Administrative Center and online at www.fws.gov/northeast/chinco. A lottery will be held to select the 14 lucky participants. Applications for the camp must be hand delivered or received in the refuge office by 5pm on June 4, 2010.

Four sessions will be offered this year. There is a fee of \$50.00 per participant, but scholarships are available. There are separate applications for June, July, and August day camps. The sessions are:

- Session 1: June 21 – 25, 2010
- Session 2: July 12 – 16, 2010
- Session 3: July 19 – 23, 2010
- Session 4: August 9 – 13, 2010

If mailing, send application(s) to:

Chincoteague National Wildlife Refuge

Attn: Children in the Woods Day Camp

P.O. Box 62

Chincoteague, VA 23336

The Children in the Woods Day Camp is sponsored by the Chincoteague Natural History Association. To learn more and see memorable photos from last year, visit their website at www.piping-plover.org. Go to the Kids Corner tab and click on Children in the Woods.

For more information, contact Melissa Perez, Park Ranger, Chincoteague National Wildlife Refuge at (757) 336-6122 ext. 310.

The mission of the U.S. Fish and Wildlife Service is working with others to conserve, protect and enhance fish, wildlife, plants and their habitats for the continuing benefit of the American people. We are both a leader and trusted partner in fish and wildlife conservation, known for our scientific excellence, stewardship of lands and natural resources, dedicated professionals and commitment to public service. For more information on our work and the people who make it happen, visit www.fws.gov.

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**U.S. Fish and Wildlife Service
Chincoteague National Wildlife Refuge**

Children in the Woods Day Camp

June 2010

Camper Information

Name of Camper: _____ Age: ____ Male / Female (Circle one)
Address: _____
City, State, Zip: _____
Telephone: _____ Home /Cell /Office (Circle one) T-shirt Size: S/M/L (Circle one)

Emergency Contact Information

Name: _____ Relationship to Camper: _____
Address (if different from above): _____
City, State, Zip: _____
Telephone: _____ Home /Cell /Office (Circle one)
Alternate Telephone: _____ Home /Cell /Office (Circle one)

Health Information

Food/Medication Allergies: _____
Other Allergies: _____
Height: _____ Weight: _____
*Do you carry insurance? Yes / No (Circle one) If so, indicate carrier: _____
*Policy/Group #: _____
Additional Important Information: _____

*optional information

For Office Use Only
App ID# _____

Please read and complete the following:

I hereby request that my child be entered into the random drawing for attendance to the Chincoteague National Wildlife Refuge (CNWR) Children in the Woods Day Camp. Campers may *attend* only one week of camp per summer, but may *apply* for each month. Please fill out a separate application for each child per month.

I understand and am aware that my child will be participating in many physical activities and that the potential for accidents does occur. In consideration of acceptance to Children in the Woods Day Camp the following statements apply.

- I indemnify and hold harmless the Chincoteague Natural History Association, Chincoteague National Wildlife Refuge, United States Fish and Wildlife Service and/or its staff/volunteers from any and all liability, claims, damage, injury or illness sustained by my child.
- I grant permission for Chincoteague National Wildlife Refuge to provide or obtain medical attention for my child in the event of sickness or injury and I understand accident insurance is not included in the camp fee. Should a camper require special medical attention, prescriptions, or hospital care during the camp session, parent(s)/guardian(s) shall bear the expenses.
- I understand that this session of Children in the Woods Day Camp will be held **June 21-25, 2009**. I also understand that it is my responsibility to ensure my child will be dropped off and picked up from the day camp on time.
- My child may be participating in the following activities: kayaking, archery, fishing, crabbing, clamming, wildlife observation, hiking, biking, photography, and other outdoor activities for extended periods of time.
- A random drawing will be held to select participants for Children in the Woods Day Camp, which only admits 14 children for each weekly session. Children must have completed 3rd, 4th, or 5th grade by summer 2010 to be eligible to apply (minimum age is 8 years old, maximum age is 12 years old.)
- I understand that if drawn to participate in the Children in the Woods Day Camp there is a \$50.00 fee. (Scholarships are available by request)

All applications must be received in the refuge office by 5:00pm on June 4, 2010. The random drawing for the 14 available slots will be held the same day. Individuals selected for camp will be notified by phone or mail soon thereafter. Prior to camp, participants will receive additional information on what to bring, camper health forms, and more. If you have any questions throughout the application process please contact Melissa Perez at Chincoteague National Wildlife Refuge at (757) 336-6122 ext 310.

We expect selected campers to participate in all camp activities, in order to fully experience and enjoy the wildlife-dependent recreational opportunities being provided. Your signed application signifies understanding and acceptance of these responsibilities. In addition, should a behavior or discipline problem affect our work with other campers or their safe enjoyment of Children in the Woods Day Camp, we reserve the right to dismiss those campers responsible, without refund.

Parent/Guardian Signature:	Date:
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**U.S. Fish and Wildlife Service
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Children in the Woods Day Camp

July 2010

Camper Information

Name of Camper: _____ Age: _____ Male / Female (Circle one)

Address: _____

City, State, Zip: _____

Telephone: _____ Home /Cell /Office (Circle one) T-shirt Size: S/M/L (Circle One)

Emergency Contact Information

Name: _____ Relationship to Camper: _____

Address (if different from above): _____

City, State, Zip: _____

Telephone: _____ Home /Cell /Office (Circle one)

Alternate Telephone: _____ Home /Cell /Office (Circle one)

Health Information

Food/Medication Allergies: _____

Other Allergies: _____

Height: _____ Weight: _____

*Do you carry insurance? Yes / No (Circle one) If so, indicate carrier: _____

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Additional Important Information: _____

*optional information

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Campers may *attend* only one week of camp per summer, but may *apply* for each month. Please fill out a separate application for each child per month. Please select the preferred week of camp.

July 12 – 16 _____

July 19 – 23 _____

Either week _____

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Children in the Woods Day Camp

August 2010

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Emergency Contact Information

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